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WAR CLOUDS IN THE HORIZON.

There are no war clouds to-day in the horizon larger than a man's hand. Yet, even these may be charged with lightning. Russia has recently created a great deal of uneasiness in Europe by the bold and blunt declaration of one of her leading diplomats. Skobloff returns home, when there is a circumstantial account of his meeting with the Czar, and of the rebuff which followed, which is probably not true, but which was published for immediate effect. There can hardly be a doubt that the Envoy did foreshadow the policy of his Government, or, at least was thinking aloud what the ruler was thinking privately at home. Skobloff has not been disgraced, as was reported, but is an honored and trusted public servant. Just now special attention is directed to Austria, which is more likely to draw the fire of Russia than any other power. The former has made a forward movement looking to the incorporation of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the Austrian Empire. The control of the Balkan Peninsula is, in an important sense, the land key to Constantinople. That key Russia wants to hold in her own hand. If Austria holds it, it can only be through the backing of Germany. Russia would then look to France for assistance, and the latter might think the opportunity had come to play off an old score. These considerations are really what gave Skobloff's recent utterances so much significance. Not only what he said, but what he left to be inferred, gave great uneasiness throughout Europe. If Austria seeks for an extension of the Slav Empire, and obtains it, the German element of her population will be in the minority. Down beneath the surface is the overmastering desire to consolidate all the Germans in Austria in one great Empire.

Austria will cease to be nominally German at no distant day. When she reaches out after a greater Slav population Germany is gratified, and will probably help in the movement, while Russia, desiring to be wholly Slav, is in a ferment that these Balkan provinces may have that destination. Just now it is probable that the Czar would be relieved by a war with Austria. It would turn attention away from internal affairs, and especially from the Czar himself. While Russia was waging a war with Turkey there was very little internal disturbance in the former Empire. It is not a wonder that the possibilities of war in Europe gave to the utterances of Skobloff an extraordinary significance. Nothing may come from this war cloud. Yet, others which involved more than one half of Europe were at one time no larger. Germany is wedged between Russia and France. More than half of the population of Austria to-day have no sympathy with the plan of one great consolidated German Empire. But if there were a full understanding that Austria might take in as large a Slav population as could be obtained by conquest or diplomacy, the two great Empires would have ground for mutual support. A contest involving Russia and France on one side, with Germany and Austria on the other, would practically involve Europe. The possibility of such a war has for some time been in the minds of many European statesmen. Skobloff made the war cloud look much larger than it was before. It may be reduced yet to nothing but a vapor, through counsels for peace.

Compounding Felonies.

Henry A. Hebbard was indicted over a year ago in the United States District Court for this district on a charge of embezzling \$3500 while acting as deputy in the United States Internal Revenue Office of this city. The crime, if committed, was a felony. That it was committed appears from the record, for Hebbard pleaded guilty. Afterwards it appeared that there was a flaw in the proceedings on the part of the government, and the plea of guilty was withdrawn, the defendant demurring to the indictment. Since then by direction of the government at Washington, the felony has been compromised, or to use a better word, "compounded," the defendant being allowed to make restitution of the embezzled money, and the United States District Attorney directed, to enter a nolle prosequi. By this operation the United States makes \$3500, and for that consideration turns loose a man upon society without punishment, who admitted his guilt, and who certainly would have been sent to a state prison had he been too poor to raise the money charged by the government for letting him go unwhipped of justice.

The scandal of the procedure is apparent to all. The government is in fact guilty of a crime. If a private citizen compounds a felony he is by law guilty of a felony; but what is to be expected of private citizens when the government itself sets the bad example of violating its own laws for so paltry a consideration? This case proclaimed as loudly as can be, that a thief may get clear of his crime by making restitution; but that if he is too poor in cash or influence to pay back what he has stolen, then he must be punished. The poor wretch who cannot pay goes infallibly to the state prison, while the rich one is turned loose upon society without punishment.

If there is a shorter way than this to bring republican institutions, in their administration of justice, into contempt, we have never heard of it. Carlyle in his "Life of Frederick the Great" tells how the father of that monarch, when king of Prussia, detected one of the tax collectors in the crime of embezzlement. The amount was less than \$1500. "How is this?" queried the king. "Been stealing, eh?" "Oh, no! your majesty, I am a nobleman and will make restitution!" The king—"What? you rascal, does a thief make restitution? Noble or simple you have stolen the public money, and you shall hang by sunrise to-morrow." And he did so hang, as any other thief, according to Prussian law, would have hanged; and the example has ever since kept thieves in that country from stealing the public money. What the king did in that case was extra-judicial, and cannot be approved; but it was a less dangerous example than this method of compounding felonies by the government.—*Chronicle.*

Like the generality of knights and conquerors, Frederick the Great, had a philosophic indifference to the death of others. In one of his battles, a battalion of veterans having taken to their heels, he galloped after them, bawling: "Why do you run away, you old blackguards? Do you want to live forever?" A minister was once asked how he reconciled the Word of God with the latest conclusions of science. "What are they?" he said, "I have not seen the morning papers yet."

Should be Watched.

The recent lettings of mail contracts in this territory, says the Colfax Democrat, have been so low as to warrant a belief that there will never be any mails carried under them; that the bidders will in some manner manage to get the amounts largely increased. The most of the contracts are taken by men who are old hands at the business, which precludes the idea that the bidders intend to comply with the contract. The contract from Dayton to Lewiston, 59 miles six times a week, is let for \$2,400. On this route it takes twenty-four horses, two drivers and two hostlers, and there are two ferries to cross; the passenger traffic amounts to nothing since the river route has been opened. A calculation in simple arithmetic will show that the actual operating expenses of this line will absorb the pay, not to mention the cost of stocking it to begin with. In order to make it pay the contractor is fore-ordained from all eternity to get in a big steal somehow. On the route to Dayton and Colfax, the present pay is \$6,100 a year, and the running expenses during the last four years have been about \$4,000 a year. Under the new contract the pay will be \$3,320 a year. On the route from Colfax to Palouse City, the pay will be forty-five dollars a month, or one dollar and seventy-five cents a day. This will barely pay running expenses if the contractor cheats his driver out of his wages and scrutinizes his bills for horse feed very closely. The route from here to Marshall, 61 miles three times a week, will pay \$1,550 a year; and yet at double that sum the present contractor is not largely increasing his bank account from that source. It is evident that these bidders are preparing for a raid on the treasury of the government. Men who bid honestly for these contracts stood no show of getting them, and the matter should be brought before the proper department and the contractors compelled to perform the service at the figures proposed by them, or their bonds should be forfeited and the contracts relet.

A Kansas Scene.

The Independent Sentinel, published at Minneapolis, Ottawa county, Kan., says: A sad picture was presented yesterday on the road west of the city. A wagon on its way to the insane asylum contained a woman of unsound mind. In her arms, pressed to her bosom, was the lifeless form of an infant. Three other little ones, whose destiny was the poor house, were crouched in the wagon, shivering and cold. By the woman's side sat her husband, with his head bowed in sorrow. A pair of handcuffs were locked around his wrists. The family of six was to be rudely separated forever. Their destinations were the asylum, the poor house, the jail and the grave. The mother, it is understood, would not consent to her removal unless she could take her dead child along. The father's crime was not found out.

Here is the record of a recent day's work by Mr. Gladstone. In the early morning there was the usual business with his private secretaries—business of itself sufficient to exhaust the energies of most men—then followed a journey to Windsor, the Council, the private interview with the Queen, and the return to London. Immediately afterward came the great gathering at Downing street, and the speech from the Prime Minister; then followed the sitting

of the House of Commons, where questions had to be answered and two speeches made; while the day was wound up by the long and remarkable address on the main question of the procedure of the Lords.

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